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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP, SN
SUBJECT: VISIT OF ANDREW YOUNG TO SINGAPORE

REF: SINGAPORE 0703

1. DIRECTOR MFA POLITICAL DIVISION, TAN BOON SENG,
PHONED ME FEBRUARY 21 TO DISCUSS ANDREW YOUNG VISIT.
TAN REITERATED THAT GOS WAS DELIGHTED AT PROSPECT OF
VISIT. THEY WOULD ALSO BE MOST PLEASED IF THEY COULD
HOST VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE IN SINGAPORE DURING HIS
FORTHCOMING TRIP TO SEVERAL SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES.
WHAT CONCERNED THEM, TAN INDICATED, WAS POSSIBILITY THAT
AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S VISIT MIGHT BE CANCELLED AS A RESULT
OF CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN RHODESIA, WHICH WOULD LEAVE
SINGAPORE ODD MAN OUT AMONG ASEAN COUNTRIES IN RECEIVING
TOP-LEVEL U.S. OFFICIAL.

2. COMMENT: IN FLYING FROM JAKARTA TO BANGKOK, VICE
PRESIDENT WILL BE FLYING ALMOST LITERALLY OVER
SINGAPORE. ESPECIALLY IF IT PROVES NECESSARY TO
CANCEL VISIT BY AMBASSADOR YOUNG, IT WOULD BE
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UNFORTUNATE IF VICE PRESIDENT COULD NOT PAY EVEN
BRIEF VISIT TO SINGAPORE. WE NOTE IN THIS REGARD
THAT VICE PRESIDENT'S ITINERARY HAS HIM BYPASSING
THE ONLY TWO PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACIES AMONG THE
FIVE ASEAN NATIONS.

3. I EXPECT THAT GOS WILL INVITE AMBASSADOR YOUNG

TO STAY AT ISTANA AS STATE GUEST. IF SINGAPOREANS
DO NOT DO SO, I WOULD BE DELIGHTED IF AMBASSADOR
YOUNG WOULD BE MY GUEST AT THE RESIDENCE. RESIDENCE,
UNFORTUNATELY, DOES NOT HAVE SPACE FOR OTHER MEMBERS
OF AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S PARTY. DCM'S RESIDENCE IS QUITE
NEARBY, HOWEVER, AND DCM WOULD BE HAPPY TO INVITE UP
TO TWO MEMBERS OF PARTY TO STAY AT HIS RESIDENCE
DURING VISIT.
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